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EIU STORY IDEAS

Here is a list of some upcoming Eastern Illinois University activities, story ideas and photo opportunities you might be interested in covering. Unless otherwise noted, all events are free, open to the public and on the EIU campus. For an up-to-date calendar of public events at EIU, please see www.eiu.edu/~pubaff/calendar.php. For more information on any of these or any other EIU events, please contact Vicki Woodard (581-7649 or vwoodard@eiu.edu) or Janice Hunt (581-7400 or jlhunt2@eiu.edu).

- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5: **EIU jazz combos concert**, featuring compositions by Billy Strayhorn, Herbie Hancock and Miles Davis. EIU's jazz ensembles have received recognition for excellent performances across the region. Roc's Blackfront, 410 Sixth St., Charleston.
- 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, and 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7: **"EIU 'Presents' the Holidays 2006" community gathering** in Old Main's Coughill Foyer, where area school children's decorations adorn the trees. Free refreshments.
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6: **"There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays" workshop** is to help students prepare for the stress of going home for the holidays. Charleston/Mattoon Room, MLK Jr. Union.
- 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7: **Science Showcase 2006**, with more than 300 students representing 35 elementary, middle and high schools showcasing their projects to parents, peers and educators. (*Event not open to general public; media welcome.*) Communities represented include Assumption, Beardstown, Breese, Bridgeport, Buncombe, Casey, Cerro Gordo, Charleston, Downs, Edgewood, Greenup, Hume, Jacksonville, Martinsville, Mattoon, Mt. Zion, Naperville, Oakland, Paris, Princeville, Rochester, Sidell, South Holland, Springfield, Sterling, Sullivan, Tamms, Taylorville and Toledo. The schedule includes welcoming remarks at 9 a.m.; recognition of participants at 9:05 a.m.; presentations at 9:10 a.m.; and a physics show by EIU faculty at noon. Grand Ballroom, MLK Jr. Union.
- 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7: The famous King's College **"Service of Lessons and Carols"** will be performed by the EIU Concert Choir and Women's Chorus. Wesley United Methodist Church, 2206 Fourth St., Charleston.
- 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7: **Behind-the-scenes look at MTV's "The Real World: Season 16, Austin, Texas"** with cast member Johanna. Grand Ballroom, MLK Jr. Union.
- Dec. 7-10: 20th annual **Holiday Art Sale** featuring hundreds of original works of art handcrafted by local artists and EIU faculty and students. Proceeds benefit the art department's scholarship fund. Open hours are 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9; and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. For more information, call 581-6060. Tarble Arts Center.
- **Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa exhibits** at Booth Library. "Nativity Scenes," featuring nativity and manger scenes from the personal collections of library faculty and staff, is located in the hallway between the reference area and the Marvin Foyer. "The Festival of Lights" exhibit, in Reference Hall East, features items pertaining to the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. The "Kwanzaa" exhibit, in Reference Hall West, explains the cultural celebration by African-Americans in commemoration of their experiences in America.